

Washington Celebrities

The Career of Philander Chase Knox, Who Will Be Taft's Secretary of State - His Family

THE choice of Senator Philander Chase Knox as secretary of state in the cabinet of President-elect Eliot Taft is notable as an honor bestowed by a successful candidate for presidential honors upon



SENATOR KNOX

an uneventful man. Senator Knox was an open and avowed candidate for the nomination which Judge Taft obtained, but his ambition did not result in creating any ill-feeling between the two men. The Pennsylvania senator has received critical service before as attorney-general in the second McKinley administration and during part of President Roosevelt's first term, and he did not seek the post of secretary of state, preferring, it is said, to hold his seat in the Senate. But Judge Taft's strong feeling in the matter impelled him to accept the preferred post. In becoming head of the cabinet he will not only administer the foreign affairs of the government but will be able to give the next president the benefit of his counsel in many matters pertaining to internal administration respecting which his knowledge of the law, the constitution and the legislative branch of the government will be valuable.

Senator Knox was born fifty-five years ago in the town of Brownsville,

New German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff; Senator Carter's Popularity With Cartooonists

children, a son of twenty and a daughter, Almudena, who is seventeen. The count, who is forty-five years old, began his diplomatic career in 1889, when he was made attaché at Constantinople. Soon Turkey he was transferred to the German legation of St. Petersburg, where he was promoted from one grade to another, serving as a representative in many of the great countries of Europe.

He was counselor of the German embassy and first secretary in London six years ago.

The count's work in creating good

feeling between Great Britain and



GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN
Germany brought him for the first time under the notice of the emperor, and after four years service in a minor position in London he was transferred to Paris as ambassador. This position is regarded in the German diplomatic service as a stepping stone to one of the greater ambassadorial positions, and his present appointment, therefore, did not cause much surprise in Berlin.

President-elect Taft's possible patronage will amount to more than \$700,000, including only those classed as "presidential." This army, composed solely of officials, equals the combined force of officers, clerks and other subordinates drawing government salaries under President Monroe. These "presidential" offices have more than doubled since Cleveland first entered the White House. Since then two new departments have been added, also many new bureaus and such great undertakings as the digging of the Panama canal and the administration of insular possessions.

Mr. Taft cannot independently appoint these officials. He merely can nominate them. Under the first article of the constitution senators are part of the appointing power and an appointment to a "presidential" office under Mr. Taft will represent an agreement between him and the upper house of congress. Appointments of this class will not receive their confirmation until "confirmed" by that body.

Necessity, Not Choice.

A young man engaged board in a private family who were extremely devout. Before each meal grace was said. To their dismay the new boarder sat bolt upright while the others reverently bowed their heads. When the second day passed and the young man showed no disposition to unbend, the good lady of the house could endure the situation no longer.

"Atheism?" asked she sharply.

"No, madam," humbly responded the boarder. "I'm a Christian."

Hmm—Was your house damaged by that fierce cyclone?

Yes—D�m—I hasn't found it yet—Cleveland Leader.

BRIDGE AND ROADS OR LEAVE COUNTY

ALTERNATIVE PRESENTED BY GROUSE CORRESPONDENT MAIL FROM ANATOLE.

Grouse, Dec. 31.—Quite a number of citizens of this section visited the postoffice here Saturday, the 26th, also Tuesday, the 29th, expecting to get their mail, but all were disappointed and some of them couldn't assign any reason why the mail did not arrive except the carrier deserved the "rife of holy days." There has been more failure of the mail during the last 12 months than there were in 10 years all together prior to this year. In the winter the excuse is that the ferry is frozen fast in the ice, and in the spring of the year during high water the excuse is that the ferry is not safe and liable to go down at any time, and so the people are disappointed.

The next plan of the people will be to petition the postoffice department to discontinue the route from Flora and extend the route from Anasota, Wash., by Hanson Ferry on to Flora. This country never will either can be properly developed till we can have better roads and a bridge across the Grande Ronde river. This is one of the most productive sections of Walla Walla county entirely hemmed in by the Blue mountains on the north, the river running on the south, also by deep canyons on the east and west. Aspinwall, Wash., has paid \$3000 to build a road through this country, but it is blocked with snow five months each year. Our Flora friends have installed four mills which will be of vital interest to all the people of the north end of the county, and in a few years the people west of the river will pay enough toll to the ferrymen to build a bridge. Besides one route his place every time he crosses the river while a river is high.

We must have a bridge and better roads to leave the country.

We had an enjoyable Christmas. Everyone seemed well pleased at the Baptist church Christmas eve. Had a fine tree, beautifully decorated and well loaded with gifts. The little folks who music and a good program well executed.

Mrs. D. A. Silver has been quite ill for several weeks and had two doctors to see her, after which she was sent to Fayette, Mo., for treatment and to be cared for by her mother, Mrs. Wm. Robinson. She was improved at last accounts.

Our gentlemen have been busy the past week bringing their cattle out of the corral.

S. P. McNeil is busy talking subscriptions for a telephone line from Flora, Bartleson and Troy, to connect with the Flora line on top of the Troy hill.

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The Scrap Book

The Tables Turned.

The amenities of political campaigning are amusingly illustrated by a story told by a southern congressman.

It appears that during the course of a stump speech delivered some years ago by John Sharp Williams in Mississippi he was interrupted by a sudden yell from a man in the audience.

"I have been robbed by pickpockets!"

"I did not know that there were any Republicans present," promptly suggested Mr. Williams in order to get a laugh.

"Oh, there ain't, there ain't!" cooed the unhappy man. "I'm the only one."

—Lippincott.

FREEDOM FOR THE MIND.

High walls and huge the body may confine.

And iron grates obstruct the prisoner's ease,
And massive bolts may baffle his design
And vigilant keepers watch his devious ways.

But scarce the mortal mind this cage controls.

No chains can bind it and no cell inclose.

Swifter than light it flies from pole to pole.

And in a dash from earth to heaven it goes.

It leaps from mount to mount. From vale to vale.

It wanders, plucking honeyed fruits and flowers.

It starts home to hear the roadside tale.

Or in sweet converse pass the joyous hours.

Up up before the sun, sleeping after.

And in its wanderings every star.

—William Lloyd Garrison.

A Caustic Cut.

"I overheard this dialogue," said a congressman, "at a reception that I once attended in Washington. The speakers were two grandes dames—I believe that is the word—two powerful social leaders, one from Philadelphia, the other from New York.

"Well," said the first grande dame, "I must be off. I've got to go and see my mother."

"The second put up her long dark eyebrows:

"Really—do you don't mean to say you've got a mother living?"

"The first grande dame laughed—a high, thin laugh, with something biting like acid in it.

"Oh, yes," she said. "My mother is still alive—and she doesn't look a day older than you do. I assure you."

Carl Schurz and Eugene Field.

When Carl Schurz was campaigning through Missouri, Eugene Field, as a reporter for a St. Louis newspaper, accompanied him to report the meetings. One night they came to a small town where Mr. Schurz was to speak. The hall was packed with an expert crowd, but the presiding officer who was to have introduced Mr. Schurz did not appear. Finally Mr. Schurz suggested quietly to Field that he should fill in the part and introduce him to the audience. Field acquiesced readily enough. Advancing to the front of the platform, his hand pressed to his throat, he said with a splendid German dialect: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have contracted such a very severe cold that it is impossible for me to speak tonight, but I bid to introduce the great journalist, Eugene Field, to take my place. I am sure that you will be blessed and benefited by the change."

Mr. Schurz nearly had a stroke of apoplexy, and it took him some time to explain the situation.

Three Times and Out.

Professor John Street Blackie of Edinburgh, being suddenly called away one day, posted this notice on his class room door for his students:

"Professor Blackie will be unable to meet his classes today."

Some waggish student came along and rubbed out the "t" from the word classes. The professor, reaching home that evening, saw the ensue and promptly erased the letter "L."

Wouldn't Take Chances.

A prominent New York physician was sent for by a rich but aristocratic man who in some way had dislocated his jaw. The young surgeon promptly put the member in place and the man was profuse in his thanks. Then he asked earnestly:

"What is your bill, doctor?"

"Fifty dollars, sir," was the answer.

"What?" cried the man, and in saying it he opened his mouth so wide as to dislodge his jaw a second time. The surgeon again put things to rights.

"What did you say your bill was?" again asked the patient.

"I said it was \$50," replied the doctor. "but now it is \$200."

The man started to open his mouth again, but thought better of it and paid the bill without a word.

The Good.

He who wishes to exert a useful influence must be careful to insult nothing. Let him not be troubled by what seems absurd, but let him concentrate his energies to the creation of what is good. He may not demolish, but build.

He must raise temples where mankind may come and partake of the purest pleasure.—Goethe.

An Anachronism.

A curious old copper plate engraving shows "Mrs. Hardy in the Character of Cleopatra." The actress wears a hooded peacock, over which is a purple skirt with a long train and ornamented with loops of artificial roses.

The softest of creases impresses the waist, while her head is graced with an ostrich plume, and from this imposing ornament streams an ostrich plume.

Howell—If I hadn't drawn that queen I might have had a straight dash. Powell—That's right; always blame the woman!—Chicago News.

"They say that Cheily has lost his mind."

"Is that so? Does he know it?"—Boston Courier.

Madge—What is the object of having in college? Marjorie—I guess it's to teach the boys brutality for use in the football games.—Fuck.

"Does your husband forget to mail the letters you give him?"

"Never. I put them in his cigar case."—Cleveland Leader.

"I came in to see if I can get some fire insurance."

"On your home?"

"No, on my job."—Houston Post.

He (at the opera)—Just going out for a little fresh air, my dear. She—A slight draft, you mean, I suppose.—London Punch.

Jennie—She puts lots of feeling in her singing, doesn't she?

James—Yes, but it must be awful to feel that way.—Tader.

The largest hanging bell in the world is near Canton, China. It is eighteen feet high and forty-five feet in circumference at the bottom.

Shakespear, among his many allusions to the sweetness, the innocence and the helplessness of the lamb, only once cites it as an article of food.

If any member of the family is very sick at the stomach beat up the white of an egg and let him swallow it. It acts like a charm.

A solution of an ounce of saltpeter in ten of sulphuric acid will remove the silver from plated goods without affecting the other metal.

Wife—My father always used to say it was a pity I wasn't born a boy. Husband—I think so too.—London Mail.

Atmospheric electricity is believed to encourage plant life in the arctic regions, where there is but little sunlight.

In Spain boys under sixteen are not allowed to lift or carry more than sixteen pounds or push or draw heavy loads.

Bathing machines, used almost exclusively on the English coast, were invented in 1750, but were not used extensively until 1830.

Mother—Toodie, you must be generous with your candy. Pass it around. Toodie to guests—Take all you want. Take two.—Life.

Man—Do you believe that story about her? Woman—I'd believe anything about her unless she told it to me herself.—London Pick-Me-Up.

Dentist—The dentist tells me—aw— that I have a large cavity which needs filling. Madge—What course of study did he suggest for this purpose?

Fever Sores.

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